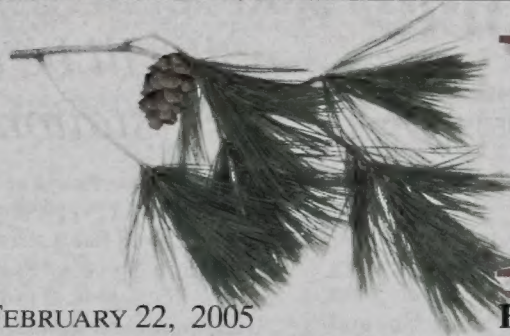




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OPP office shouldn't stay in Minden, politicians in the east say

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Politicians in the eastern half of the county are upset that the new OPP detachment must be built in the Minden area, arguing that an opportunity to address frustrations over response times is being lost.

"We're concerned about our services," Highlands East Keith Tallman said to Staff Sgt. Bob Walli at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Walli said that while the breakdown of calls between the eastern and western halves of the county was taken into consideration when the site of the new detachment was being considered, response times were not.

Councillors argued that it would have been a prime time to address the issue.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Bill Howe says that people in the east feel it takes too long for officers to reach them. "In Harcourt, which is part of Dysart et al, residents sit there by themselves and they're not covered."

Tallman said the vandalism problems in Wilberforce would be greatly reduced if an officer lived in the community.

Walli said that when he moved to the detachment, he was told where he had to live. You can't do that any more. Even though he too would like to ensure that his 24 officers lived throughout the county, there is no way he could force people to live in any particular community.

"It's time someone should take a look at it," Howe said.

Responding to Walli's decision to keep the detachment office in Minden because that's where the courts are, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "Whether they drive another 10 minutes to court, that doesn't matter to me. You have to look at response time."

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Parents irate over bus decision

School board should have listened to weather forecast, they argue

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

The school board's policy on bus cancellations has come into question after last Monday's confusion, which saw students throughout the county stranded in classrooms as they waited for icy road conditions to improve before school buses could arrive.

Parents are perplexed as to why bus service in Haliburton County wasn't cancelled in the morning when precarious road conditions were evident in neighbouring counties. Micheline Roy, principal of Stuart Baker Elementary School, says she only had 20-30 minutes' warning at the end of the day to organize student dispersal and understands parents' irritation at the last-minute chaos.

"A lot of parents were upset that they didn't get a phone call or that their children were coming home late. That was hectic, I have to admit," says Roy. "The board is aware that parents are frustrated."

Currently, the decision to cancel bus service is made by the Trillium

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Warming up the audience

Kate Campbell and David Archibald sing Baby It's Cold Outside during the launch of Archibald's CD of songs about the Frost Centre at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Saturday night. St. Nora's Tower is a compilation of songs that Archibald has written about the beloved natural resources centre.

Teachers hope strike can be averted

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Trillium Lakelands District School Board's negotiating team remains optimistic that an agreement can be reached with elementary teachers, who have

given their union a strike mandate.

Last Wednesday, 96.3 per cent of the local branch of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario voted in favour of the union taking strike action if they cannot come to an agreement with TLDSB in contract negotiations. Steve Colliver,

local ETFO president, says many union locals are preparing to start work-to-rule action on March 1 but his local will likely not consider taking that action until after March break.

"Teachers won't be on a picket line

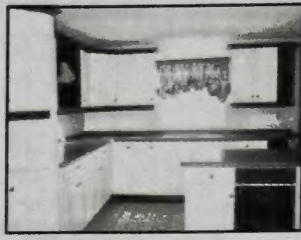
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Teachers want 200 minutes of prep time

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tomorrow," says Colliver.

Teachers have been working without a contract since August 31.

Shelley Mierle, TLDSB superintendent for elementary operations, says the board and the union have made positive progress and settled many minor issues since contract negotiations began last fall. She says they have a good relationship with the elementary teachers and are committed to providing a good learning environment for them.

Colliver agreed and says the teachers he represents, including approximately 100 elementary teachers in Haliburton County, are not keen to strike. The TLDSB local is the thirtieth out of 32 locals to vote for a strike mandate.

Colliver says one of the biggest issues prompting the strike vote is the elementary teachers' demand for 200 minutes per week of preparation time. He says the Ottawa-Carlton local has not only had the 200 minutes for the past decade but is also ahead of TLDSB teachers in salary

and has the same number, if not more, programs. Colliver says the Ottawa-Carlton contract is what all of the union locals are using for a model.

Colliver says that with so much research indicating the importance of learning in the early years, it makes no sense that secondary school teachers already have 200 minutes of preparation time when they often spend less time in the classroom than elementary teachers. He says the provincial average for elementary prep time is 150 minutes per week but locally they have only 140.

The Ministry of Education funds school boards to provide 250 minutes per week for secondary teachers but only 137 for elementary teachers. Colliver says that when he taught at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and I.E. Weldon Secondary School he was getting 375 minutes of prep time. He also says he had smaller classes than when he taught elementary.

"More teachers than ever before are leaving the profession after five years

because the workload does not measure up to what they are being paid. We are asking to be given the time to do our jobs so we don't lose qualified people," says Colliver.

Colliver says prep time is a provincial issue getting a lot of attention, but locally there is also a concern about supervision time. He says York Region has urban and rural schools with a cap of 60 minutes a week of supervision time per teacher, for things such as recess and lunches. He says locally there is no cap and the amount of supervision time ranges from 75 to more than 120 minutes per week.

Colliver says in small schools such as Wilberforce and Cardiff, where there are few teachers, it becomes difficult but he thinks a compromise can be reached.

There are four meetings scheduled between now and the second week of April to continue negotiations. Colliver says if the union finds there is no progress it will continue to crank up the heat with progressive work-to-rule and job action.

Readers' next poll will be about OPP station

Just when everyone at the Echo was convinced that every single person in the Highlands has a strong opinion on absolutely everything, this poll reveals that we're all rather "Canadian" and middle-of-the-road after all. Last week there was plenty of controversy over school busing so we assumed there'd be controversy regarding our online question: Should school buses be running in the morning before the roads have been sanded?

The vast majority of respondents (66 votes or 57.9%) answered "maybe, depending on circumstances." Thirty people (26.3%) said, "no, it's too dangerous," and 18 voters (15.8%) said, "Yes, it's a while before all roads are sanded."

This week we're asking: Should the OPP office remain in Minden or move elsewhere in the Highlands?

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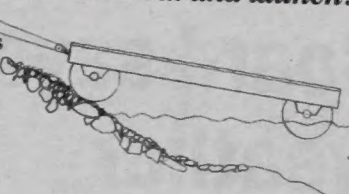
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Sledders take icy plunge in Boshkung Lake

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

On Saturday night between 8:30 and 9 p.m., Darrell and Wendy Cohen were surprised by a knock on their cottage door.

A man in a snowmobile suit told the Cohens that his wife had gone through the ice while driving her snowmobile. The Cohens contacted emergency services, and the Minden Hills and Stanhope Fire Departments responded.

It turns out that two snowmobiles had gone through the ice in the narrows between 12 Mile and Little Boshkung Lake. The couple from Brady Lake and their friend, who drove the machines, wish to remain nameless. The woman, who went through the ice, says they have been sledding for 15 to 20 years and are a bit embarrassed about the incident.

They had been out riding all day and had just run over to Carnarvon for a few items. They were on their way back to the cottage when she hit a soft spot and went through. The two men, who were carrying ropes, looped a rope around her wrist and waist and pulled her out. She says her husband put her on the back of his sled and drove her home in 10 to 15 minutes.

She says they did not realize that their friend also went through shortly after they pulled her out. He went in to only a few feet of water and was able to get himself out but the Cohens were sur-

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



Danny Stiver helps Nigel Atkinson get into his wetsuit as they prepare to help Tony Aymong and Marshall Rogers rescue two snowmobiles from Boshkung Lake on Sunday. Both divers were able to get out of the chilly waters unhurt.

prised when he showed up at their door as well.

The two individuals who went for an unexpected cold swim are fine.

So is the case of beer they had used as a marker for where the machines went through. Carol Moffatt says the two riders who went through the ice are lucky to survive the notoriously dangerous narrows. Moffatt was at the scene of the accident the next day with her husband Tony Aymong, whose dive company pulls snowmobiles out of the water.

The temperature dropped significantly between the time of the accident and noon on Sunday when Aymong and

company arrived. The narrows had frozen solid again leaving no trace of the location of the machines. Moffatt says it was good the riders had left a marker.

The friend's machine was easily pulled out with a winch on an ATV but the woman's sled was in the middle of the narrows under at least five inches of ice. Danny Stiver used a chainsaw to cut a square hole in the ice large enough for the sled to come through but, in the 15 minutes it took the divers to suit up, the hole had a thin film of ice that had to be broken again.

Stiver and diver-in-training Marshall Rogers took the cold plunge and felt

around in the dark water for a place to tie a rope onto the sled while Nigel Atkinson and Aymong manned ropes attached to the divers. The divers came back up and helped pull the sled to the surface while the ATV winched the sled back up and on to the ice.

Moffatt says last year the company pulled out about four submerged sleds but this year they have rescued nine to 10. She says in this case the riders were experienced and just hit bad luck. She says it can be a matter of life and death for riders to know where they are riding. They must know where water currents are because they can weaken the ice.

New consultant to help sell Frost Committee still hopes to make recommendation in June

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

A new member, Roman Winnicki, has joined the Frost Centre Working Committee.

Winnicki is the past president and chief executive officer of the Canada Lands Company, which is responsible for divesting "redundant lands" from the federal government.

Winnicki retired from his work with the Crown corporation in 2001 and has since become a consultant with private clients and the Ontario Realty Corporation.

Hubert Labelle, ORC vice-president of

facility services, has been acting as the liaison between the Frost committee and the ORC. He says Winnicki has been hired to assist him in this role and to offer his expertise to the committee.

"My background is dealing with challenging properties," says Winnicki.

He used to work on preparing government-owned properties to be sold. He says that although the corporation worked on a for-profit basis, they did work closely with communities in the sale of the property, sometimes selling the land for community use or more often to the private sector.

Winnicki and Labelle will be working with Frost Committee consultant David Gibson on the wording of the request for expressions of interest in operating the

Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre. They will also assist the committee in getting ORC funding for the advertisement of that notice in the large Toronto newspapers and Ontario media.

Those requests are slated to go out in March. The committee is still shooting for the end of June to make a recommendation to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the ORC regarding a preferred proponent to take over the Frost Centre or to recommend what guidelines the public would like to see the government follow in pursuing a sale.

Labelle has asked the committee to consider whether they would like to continue to be part of the process after that point.

Highlands East thieves steal X Box and DVDs

In the early morning of Saturday February 19, officers from the Bancroft OPP were called to a break-in at residence on Larch Street in Highlands East.

The owner had been away for a few days, and returned to find the basement window smashed, and several items including an X-Box and DVDs missing.

Anyone with information about this break-in is encouraged to call Bancroft Detachment at (613) 332-2112 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Board says weather forecasts not a reliable tool

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Lakelands District School Board, whose vast jurisdiction encompasses Haliburton County, the District of Muskoka, and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Decisions that concern the northern regions of the districts (Haliburton and Muskoka) are made by transportation officials at the Bracebridge office, a fact that makes some parents think a more localized authority is needed to make such judgements. (The board adds that the decision is made in co-operation with school bus operators).

Weather considerations rely more on the existing morning weather conditions than forecasts. Neighbouring counties that cancelled the entire day's bus service, such as Muskoka, were experiencing freezing rain at six in the morning – around the same time the board makes the decision whether to go ahead with bus service – while Haliburton was only under a winter watch. Board officials say that a winter watch rarely provokes cancellations, although a storm warning would carry more weight.

"Common sense would say that you should give a lot of weight to the forecast and a lot of weight to local operators," says Terry Goodwin, a member of the Haliburton Highlands secondary school's parents' council. "It's just typical of the problem of such a huge board

DARREN LUM/Echo



Students at Stuart Baker Elementary School had to wait at the school for up to two hours longer than usual when school buses were delayed because of bad roads last Monday. The last three students were picked up by their parents at 6:30. It's an experience no one wants to repeat.

with very little local representation. I know a lot of parents are irate."

However, there are many school officials who say the solution may not be so easy.

"Weather patterns and information are available on the web," says Catherine Shedden, a communications officer for the school board. "As to whether the person is in the actual vicinity – I don't think it makes that much of a difference."

"I don't know if you can rely too much on a forecast because there are lots of days where they forecast rain and there's no rain, or they forecast sun and it ends up raining," says Traci Hubbert, principal of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. "I think existing weather conditions in surrounding areas might be more realistic than following the forecast."

Students were not as inconvenienced at Wilberforce Elementary, reports princi-

pal Birdie Murphy, who was notified by the board at 3:10 p.m. that buses would be delayed. Murphy says the last bus left at approximately 4 p.m., only a half hour later than scheduled.

More affected were students at JDH and Stuart Baker, where the last bus did not leave until somewhere around 5:30-6:00. Micheline Roy says the last three students weren't picked up by parents until 6:30 p.m.

Despite the recent attention drawn to the issue, there doesn't seem to be a consensus on how to improve it.

"I think you have to have a plan in place where if we have to have an early dismissal, we are able to execute it instead of waiting longer. The problem is that some of the parents are working and are not at home," says Roy.

Others, like Goodwin, wonder why the board doesn't err on the side of caution,

leave students at home and then add on lost time at the end of June. "I appreciate that the call to cancel has to be made at six in the morning to let the drivers know but I think if the top priority was safety of the kids, the board would allow more local autonomy to make that decision."

Even if a workable idea for a new policy is reached among parents and principals, the school board would most likely not consider it until the Ministry of Education finalizes its new funding formula to district school boards. The ministry, which provides money for the various districts, has not had a funding formula for transportation since amalgamation in 1998, which has led to gross inequities in transportation budgets across the province.

"I think it's worth discussing to sort it out a little bit," says Murphy.

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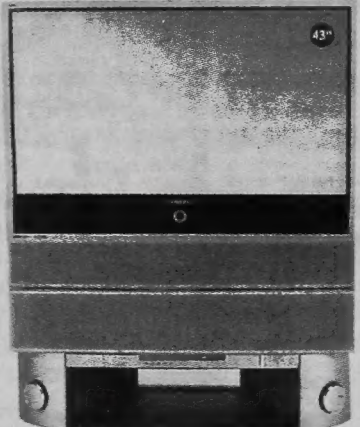
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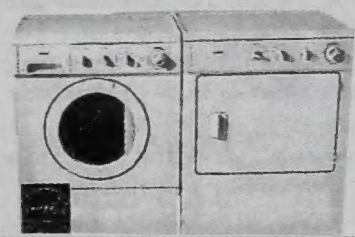
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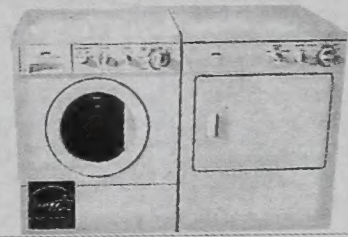
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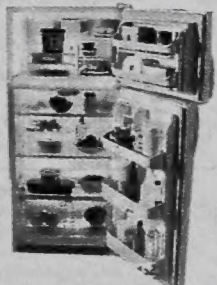
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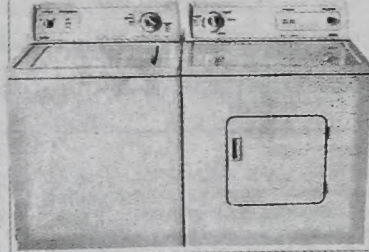
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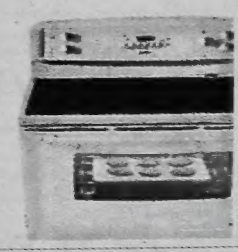
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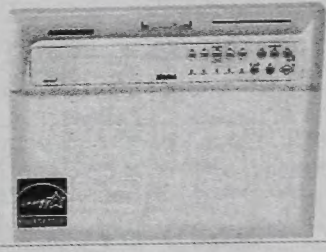
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An icy situation

Parents and school board officials got a lesson in how complicated our society has become last Monday when the school board had to delay the afternoon departure of school buses because of treacherous road conditions.

The board had decided not to cancel the buses in Haliburton County that morning. Although the weather reports were calling for freezing rain, our roads were clear. The roads to the north and south of us, however, were covered in ice so the buses there were cancelled.

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editorial

martha perkins

As luck would have it, the freezing rain hit us in the middle of the day. The school board was in a quandary. Would the roads clear by the time buses started to pick up students from schools? If they waited too long for an answer, the schools wouldn't have time to notify the parents that the buses would be late. They had to make a decision. It was a no-win situation.

It turns out that in the late afternoon the freezing rain eventually turned to snow, alleviating the worst of the bad road conditions (but still leaving the roads dangerous to travel.) Buses in Wilberforce were delayed by only half an hour while the last students at Stuart Baker Elementary School didn't leave for home until dinnertime.

The decision set off a wave of anger and confusion. Should parents pick their students up at the school? What if parents were working? Would their children be okay? What time would the buses leave? When could parents stop worrying? Were the roads safe at all?

In making the decision to run the buses that morning the board had to juggle competing needs. Weather reports are often wrong, and if they based all of their decisions on the forecasts, there'd be many snow days in the Highlands. Teachers will tell you that the curriculum is so condensed that they need as much time as possible to comply with all the guidelines. While no one argues that buses should be cancelled on bad days, there can be a lot of debate on what constitutes a bad day and too many bad days would interfere with the teaching schedule.

Another complication is that many parents work out of necessity. A snow day forces them to find alternative day-care or take the day off work, an expensive proposition for some of them.

Paramount in everyone's mind, however, is the safety of the children. The school board would have been wrong not to postpone buses last Monday if the roads were unsafe solely to comply with a hard-and-fast rule that, if the bus picks up your child in the morning, the bus will drop him or her off in the afternoon. Unsafe roads are unsafe roads, regardless of the rules.

Should the buses have been cancelled that morning? In hindsight, the answer is a resounding yes. The weather forecasters were right and we did get the freezing rain. No vehicle should have been on the roads during the worst of it.

Can the school board guarantee that it will never make a decision that turns out to be wrong again? Of course not. None of us could ever make such a guarantee if put to the test.

The situation did, however, bring out some flaws in the system and since everyone wants to avoid last week's chaos, the board will be working with schools, parent councils and the bus company to fine-tune its policy. Meanwhile, as the county's trustee, Val Smith, reminds parents in this week's Harcourt column they do have the right to keep their children at home if they believe the roads are unsafe.



Snowmobilers take a break at Dorset

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Information overload

Can anyone question that we live in a Global village - a concept once hazy, now increasingly a reality? Our hopes have been high and to some extent they are being realized. We are so much more aware of the world away from our own door step. Modern transportation and communication connect us.

So much that is positive has resulted. Transportation has played a big part. Travel to exotic places, previously known only to the adventurous few, now is a commonplace. Rapid response to unexpected needs in faraway places has, even recently, been dramatically demonstrated. A far greater variety of foods, crafts, and other goods are available to us in our developed societies, and we in turn offer our goods and expertise to developing nations. Our young people now have many opportunities to venture to faraway places to gain practical experience.

The communication explosion has speeded up our interactions with people in other parts of the world, and helped us better understand different life styles and priorities. The media, especially television and the Internet, can make the lives of shut-ins, lonely people, people in isolated places so much more interesting. These people can once more interact in the world outside their personal limits.

More than a decade ago Hillary Clinton exhorted Americans to think of the world's children as being part of a Global Village, implying that we should consider all of the world's children to be one immense family. Many caring people, from philanthropic groups to individual children, are making a positive difference in have-not societies.

To some extent everything seems rosy on the horizon of our future Global Village. Is it possible that in the building of this amazing connection, we risk losing an important part of our-

selves - our personal interaction with others?

After the recent tsunami crisis and our generosity, food banks in some of our major cities became depleted and could not offer the required succour to our own despairing people.

Daily, through TV and the Internet, we share vicariously in dramas far away without feeling the pain, shock, or loss of those actually involved in horrific events, whether natural or man-made. It is easy for us to become indifferent to these horrors. Recently, a young person

was overheard speaking of the horrors of war. "Get used to it. It happens in many places most of the time. Just watch your TV. It's obvious. That's just life." That's not a message that the dreamers of a Global Village had in mind.

Through the Internet we can look at a screen and have a pseudo-experience with our virtual travel program, anywhere, any time. We can talk to others without revealing who we are or who they are; thus creating for our-

selves any personality we wish in a fantasy world of our own making. It can be seductive. We write notes to friends, perhaps more frequently, usually much briefer, but are we really in touch? Recently I received an e-mail from an old acquaintance. It was being sent to a long list of her friends. Essentially it said that she likes to keep in touch, to see my name and greeting on her e-mail when she turns it on; so would I please send it frequently. A thank you was added. I was tempted to write a short note programmed to go out every few days with just the click of the mouse. This is keeping in touch; two computers talking back and forth. Who is kidding whom?

Caution is not a word nor a sense much known in this day and age; however, such a thought might cause us to ponder some of the risks involved in so uncritically embracing the technologies and inventions that make this new Global Village concept so enticing.



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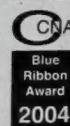
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Monkeying around

There are times when, as a father, I can see that I've had a positive influence upon my children. Often the only clue is a subtle behavioural indicator - something lost to all but the most perceptive student of human nature. It's a little tidbit that tells you, yes, they have been watching, and they'll be all right.

Such was the case with my 10-year-old son Ryan when, out of the blue, he approached me and said, "Dad, want to see me make a monkey face?"

All of a sudden, I knew what Walter Gretzky must have felt and a great weight had been lifted off my shoulders. Pride welled up in me as my son pulled each ear straight out, opened his eyes wide, and used his tongue to puff out his upper lip. Sure, his technique was still amateurish, but the end result was convincingly simian-like indeed, and it made me want to reach for a banana or at least hang a tire on a tree in the yard for him. Never has there been a stronger family resemblance in both looks and intellect. Even my wife Carol noted it.

I apologize if it seems I'm bragging but I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say that pulling a monkey face is an important milestone on the exit ramp off the road to maturity. That, and the act of hanging a sharpened pencil out of each nostril is, quite frankly, all that separates us from the dumb animals - but not by much.

Sure, there are those who claim to have somehow skipped these critical stages of development, but the sad fact is they simply grow up to be maladjusted individuals who compensate by becoming educated, hard-working, and respectable members of the community, very often spending the rest of their days living in an entirely responsible and adult manner. Naturally, this is something you wouldn't want to wish upon any child.

Sadly, Carol just happens to be one of those unlucky people. Of course, I didn't know this when we first met. She looked like any normal person. Once, in fact, I even saw her shoot cola out of each nostril at a formal gathering, but much to my horror, I later discovered that it was a purely accidental occurrence brought on by me announcing the purchase of more expensive fishing tackle. Despite this, I can't help but love her dearly.

Even so, this responsible, dependable and serious nature of hers has always been something I've never spoken of in public. Call it my secret shame.

I suppose it's partly to do with the fact that I was in denial, too. I guess I was always hoping she'd regress out of it or that medical science would finally find a cure but, unfortunately, I still think the researchers are a long way off and, no matter how many rude noises I make with my armpit, she doesn't seem to respond favourably.

I guess I'm only coming forward now because I've come to realize that I'm not alone. The other day I heard a friend's wife tell him to act his age simply because he used the 'I'm rubber, you're glue' response. I'm told that other people have spouses who suffer from advanced maturity levels, too.

The symptoms can be as blatant as an inability to fling peas across the dinner table during dinner or as inconspicuous as a basic aversion to non-political comic strips. This is something that these poor mature people have to live with each and every day of their lives, right from their early rising to their sensible bedtime. Most hardly even know they're suffering, even when they are watching the CBC. It's truly sad.

Naturally, with this being rampant in our house, I was worried for Ryan. In fact, his early interest in chess and his habitual reading of the classics almost forced me to put him through radical whoopee cushion therapy in hopes that he'd snap out of it. Thankfully though, genetics won out, and hence the biological imperative to pull the monkey face this morning.

It's not much, but it's a start.

My friend, whose son turned out to be a teacher, warns me not to get too excited about Ryan's progress. He says his boy used to toilet-paper the entire neighbourhood and look how he turned out.

Still, I do hold out great hope for my son. With the right training and a little luck, I can see him some day writing his own humour column or doing other equally unproductive anti-social activities.

Ryan is, after all, a chimp off the old block. And that's enough to make me keep a stiff upper lip.

tales from



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pic of the past

Haliburton 1939: "When the six of us were kids at home, our rink was in the garden behind Grandma's house," writes Tom Hodgson of Oshawa. In this photo, Doug Hodgson was 12, Marg six, Anna 10, Louise three, Tom eight, and Glen, who's off in the distance, 13. Homemade rinks were part of the winter scene in Haliburton. Behind the kids you can see the tip of Tom's grandfather Dart's barn, built sometime around 1905. The shed with the ladder was for storage and garden tools. "My Uncle Russell Dart had a woodworking shop there, where he built his mother's kitchen cupboards and other things. The coat Louis was wearing was handed down to each of us. The Depression forced people to be frugal. Actually, I look as if I could have used a new outfit!"

letters to the editor

Who decides when buses run?

To the Editor:

As a parent I would like to know who makes the decisions to have buses on or off the roads at 6:30 in the morning? How is it possible that all areas surrounding Haliburton County had bus cancellations but not Haliburton County itself on Monday, February 14? You would have to wonder why such a call was not made for our area. This all comes a week to the day when a bus slid off the road due to bad weather.

I question why buses were on the roads then as well. Is there not a local board representative in our area who is qualified to make these decisions? I have phoned and asked Laidlaw the same question with the response that they check with the board representatives and some drivers to provide the board with an informed answer as to the local road conditions. With the board's representative making the final decision one would have

to wonder where in Haliburton County this person is located?

I also question why buses are running when it's -30°C? Have any of you experienced what happens to a diesel engine when the fuel freezes? Sure it might start but that doesn't mean that it will continue to run. If a bus freezes due to cold weather and the fuel gels you are parked wherever it stops. What happens to those kids standing out at the side of the road waiting for a bus who might not even make it there? The possibilities are endless.

Is it going to take a major catastrophe (and I believe there has been one already) for something to happen before we get local board representation here in Haliburton County and to review the board's policy on busing?

Julie Klochkoff
Carnarvon

School council questions students' safety

To the Editor:

The following letter was first sent to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's transportation manager, Bob Kaye, in Bracebridge.

Dear Mr. Kaye,

I am writing on behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Council to share a very immediate concern for the safety of our students.

On February 14 students were put at unnecessary

risk by transporting them to school on a day when many surrounding boards had the good sense to cancel buses.

Our students were not only put at risk by transporting them to school but then students and staff alike had to deal with the worry, stress and unnecessary challenge of being unable to return home due to road conditions. You should be further advised that this breaking of routine was especially hard for some special education students and students requiring medications.

See **Buses** page 8

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Theft of sign makes black mark

To the Editor:

On Monday evening during the snowstorm, the sign at the end of our laneway was stolen. This was not a random act, but one that required planning, since chain cutters were used to remove it.

In the last year and a half that we have lived on Blairhampton Rd. we have expe-

rienced the theft of our reflectors from the driveway and a smashed mailbox. The sign, however, was a surprise for our family name is written on it, and the distinct design of a bass, we thought, would only appeal to us.

We do believe that someday, the sign may be located somewhere, sometime or somehow. In the meantime, is this the type of behaviour one can expect in Haliburton? Is this a "sign" of the times?

Brigitte Bassie
Blairhampton

Buses should not have run

from page 6

Obviously, we support the decision not to take students home until the roads were safe; however we would have hoped that the weather forecasts, bad roads at the beginning of the day and the safety of our students would have resulted in the buses being cancelled for the day.

I understand that another bus slipped off the road today, and I want to ensure you understand our extreme concern about the safety of Haliburton students. We need immediate solutions to ensure our students' safety.

Marg Cox
Chairperson, School Council
Haliburton Highlands Secondary
School

Comment 'unbelievable'

To the Editor:

Re: Tuesday, Feb. 15/05 story on Rosalind Bagg.

Was your quotation of Officer Bickerton accurate, that he said "You have to understand that's why they call it an accident... How are you supposed to see someone standing in the middle of the road?"

I find it unbelievable that a police officer would say such things under the existing circumstances.

G. G. Robinson,

Guilford residents plan fundraising music night for tsunami relief

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When Eleanor Cooper watched the horrendous images of the devastation in Southeast Asia, she wanted to do something, anything, to help the victims of the Boxing Day tsunami.

Not able to donate as much money as she would like, she came up with a quintessentially Haliburton solution: get a group of musicians together and invite everyone to enjoy an evening of song and fellowship.

A date has been set: Friday, March 4 at the West Guilford Community Centre.

So far, Outloud Womyn's Voices, Wayne Cooper, Kathleen Owens and Earl Cooper, guitarist Adrian Martin, a few of Julie Barban's ballet dancers and some of Brianne Mansfield's Highland



Heritage ballet dancers will perform



Mansfield Dancers on the program

dancers have committed to take part in the fundraising event and Cooper is optimistic that the Gentlemen of Song will also be able to attend.

Now all she needs is: more musicians; volunteers to help with such things as refreshments; and an audience.

Admission will be by donation, whether a loonie or \$50. "Every little bit helps," she says.

The money will be channelled through the Haliburton Lions Club, whose members have already volunteered to help that night.

"I don't want people to forget that the people [of Southeast Asia] are still in need," says Cooper, whose family music nights have long been part of life in West Guilford.

Besides, she says, "Everyone needs a bit of a lift this time of year and people who have talent like to perform."

If you would like to take part as a volunteer or a musician – or any other type of entertainer – please call Eleanor Cooper at 754-2388 or 754-2278.

Students raise \$75,000 for victims of tsunami across Trillium Lakelands

The tallies are in and students in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board have raised an astonishing \$74,499 for the victims of the Boxing Day tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students led the charge by raising the most money the fastest – \$7,200 in five days. All of the secondary schools in the board raised a total of \$18,864.

"It's been a terrific response from all of our schools," says Director of Education David Hill, "There has been a communal effort from our smallest elementary school to our largest high school."

Shortly after students returned to the classroom in January, Hill encouraged all schools to dedicate their fundraising efforts for the month of January to a relief fund for victims of the tsunami. Schools were not asked to make any additional fundraising efforts but nevertheless most schools within the district

came up with many events including spare change collections, dances, a film night, theme days, a coffee house, bake sales, skate-a-thon, and raffles. Many of these events were suggested and organized by students themselves. Some students emptied their own personal piggy banks or accounts to put their money towards the relief effort.

Each school was responsible for choosing where they wanted to donate money. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of students, their families and Canadians, many organizations are no longer asking for donations.

Catherine Shedden, TLDSB communications officer, says that as students settle into the second half of the school year, they will remember this moment in time not only for the ability to spell "tsunami" but also for participating with millions of people around the world in helping those in need.

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Red Hawks OFSAA bound

This year's COSSA Nordic race was held as two separate events — COSSA schools and independent schools. The event was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at Glebe Park on Monday, Feb. 14. OFSAA qualifiers were chosen based on results of combined events.

HHSS students Sean Keaney, Ryan Bottum, and Max Creelman earned berths to OFSAA as seniors. Both Colin Callaghan, who finished third,



and Emily Turner, who finished fourth, will be competing in Duntroon, near Collingwood, on Thursday.

Senior boys
Sean Keaney: 23:15 3rd
Ryan Bottum: 24:50 8th
Max Creelman: 25:28 9th

Senior girls
Laura Stouffer: 27:53 3rd

Junior boys
Colin Callaghan: 23:17 3rd

Junior girls
Emily Turner: 21:55 4th



Top: Senior Ryan Bottum takes the sweeping downhill turn.
Above: Senior Laura Stouffer breaks from the start. She finished third.
Left: Senior Max Creelman drives up the first ascent.
Photos by Darren Lum

Red Hawks blown over

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HCCS 65

Cheering was short lived as the Hurricanes swept by the Red Hawks' senior boys basketball team in the Kawartha AA playoffs.

In the opening minutes the Red Hawks ran with the energetic Holy Cross Hurricanes and were tied 4 - 4. By the five-minute mark everything unravelled. Unable to find the passing lanes, the Red Hawks committed consecutive turnovers that translated into easy scores.

After the five-minute mark of the first quarter the Hurricanes increased their lead with a 17 - 0 run. The Hurricanes moved the ball around the court, looking inside for the easy shots, but kicked it out of the key for the open jumper.

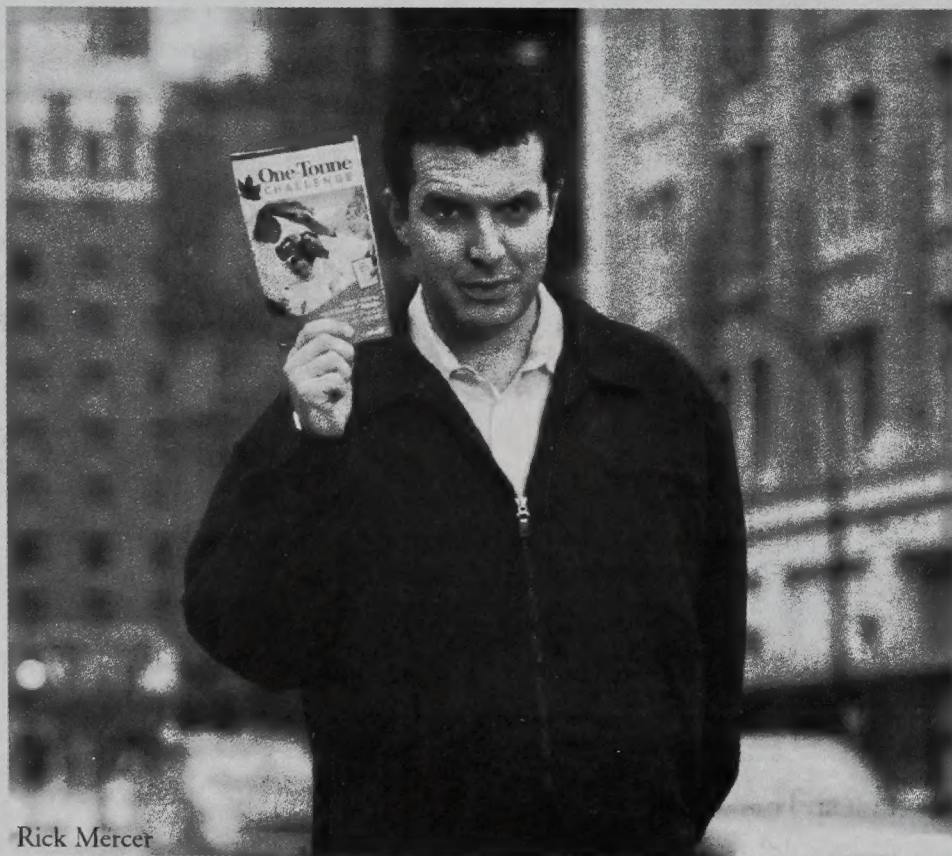
The second half proved equally daunting for the Red Hawks. With the sizeable lead the Hurricanes sat many of their starters who saw limited action during the rest of the game. Despite the lineup change the Red Hawks could only manage to keep pace, never coming close to tying the Hurricanes. Regardless of the deficit, the Red Hawks maintained their attack to satisfy their fans who stayed for the rest of the game.

The undying effort by the Red Hawks was not rewarded on the scoreboard.

Hurricanes' Eric Cornish drained four three-pointers, adding to his 25 points to lead all scorers while Red Hawks guard Connor Flatman finished strongly with 19 points after scoring five points in the first half.



Red Hawks forward John Briggs rises above a tangle of hands in the fourth quarter of the Kawartha AA playoffs.



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Rob Ashworth wrestled his best matches of the season to earn third place in his weight class. Rob pins his opponent with a head-and-arm pin.

Red Hawks hold to success

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

On Wednesday February 16, the Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Lindsay to compete at the 2005 Kawartha Wrestling Championships. With 28 competitors, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was the largest team at the event. The Red Hawks have been preparing for this tournament for the last two weeks. Placing in the top four of a weight class allows the wrestler to advance to the COSSA Championships held in Bancroft on February 23.

Haliburton wrestlers performed very well throughout the day. Seventeen of our athletes ranked in the top four of their weight class and will represent HHSS at the COSSA Championships.

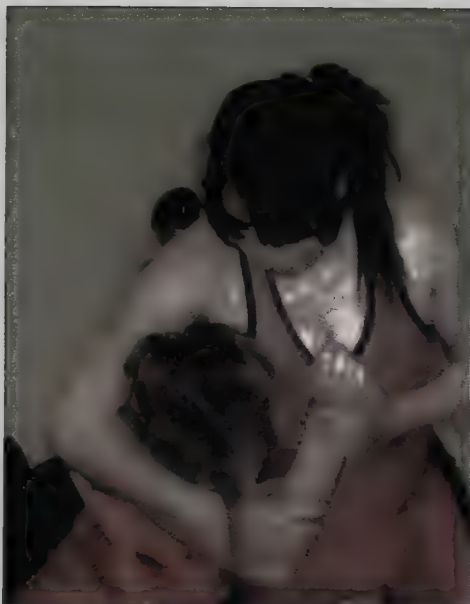
Results:

The HHSS women's wrestling team had a strong showing at the tournament. All of the athletes advance to COSSA. With all points totalled, the team placed second among all women's teams in Kawartha.

Individual results are:

4th place – Shannon Carr, Korey Hissa, Rebecca Ide,
3rd place – Katherina Heilen, Sara Lacy, Julie Moore
2nd place – Jackie Grech, Kaila Grech, Brandi Schell

The HHSS men's wrestling team also



Korey Hissa locks a head-and-arm to throw her opponent for three points. wrestled well in some very competitive weight classes. Enough points were earned to rank fourth among the men's teams. Individual results are:

6th place – Jake Findeis, Gary Griffin
5th place – Chris Bryan, Andy Cooper, Tristan Ellis
4th place – Max Ambridge
3rd place – Rob Ashworth, Brad Brown, Colin Ellis, Kalem Kyle
2nd place – Dave Balaski, Adam DeCarlo, Josh Mayhew

Tigers leap past junior Red Hawks in Kawartha playoffs

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

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Three Red Hawk starters sat watching as playoff hopes evaporated against the Lakefield Tigers in the first quarter of the Kawartha AA playoffs.

HHSS junior basketball Head Coach Bart Harvey didn't make exceptions even for the playoffs, sitting centre Josh Townsend, forward Kyle Meredith and point guard James Allison for the first quarter.

"That's what I've been doing all year. If you miss practice you sit for a quarter or a half... [I was] not [going] to do it now because of a playoff game," Harvey said.

"That was probably why we lost in the end, but you got to teach them somehow."

He said they missed the past three practices due to sickness and other legitimate reasons.

The Red Hawks played their less experienced players and were not able to keep pace with Lakefield's high tempo pressure tactics. Despite the 10 - point first quarter deficit the Red Hawks fought back to reduce it to four points by the half-time break.

At the start of the second half the Tigers capital-



DARREN LUM/Echo

Red Hawks point guard James Allison pokes the ball free in the second half against Lakefield

ized on HHSS turnovers and made a 7 - 2 run with 2:49 left in the third quarter to double their halftime lead.

Allison drained a three-pointer in the fourth quarter with 3:30 left, bringing the Red Hawks back to within four points. That was as close as the Red Hawks came. "Other than being down 12 - 2 in the first quarter we played well...Allison played well," he said. After the strong second quarter the Red Hawks' effort paled in comparison.

"They came out with a lot of energy in the second quarter. And then

got a bit flat [by the second half]; they were sick and tired," Harvey said, speaking about Meredith and Townsend.

From Harvey's 2004 - '05 team there are only four players returning, including point guard Mitch Sobil. He saw spot duty off the bench for Allison. Harvey expects Sobil to lead next year's team. The team is expected to be undersized, but the coach is not too concerned.

"Who knows, we might be small, but I don't think we'll be any worse than this year," he said.

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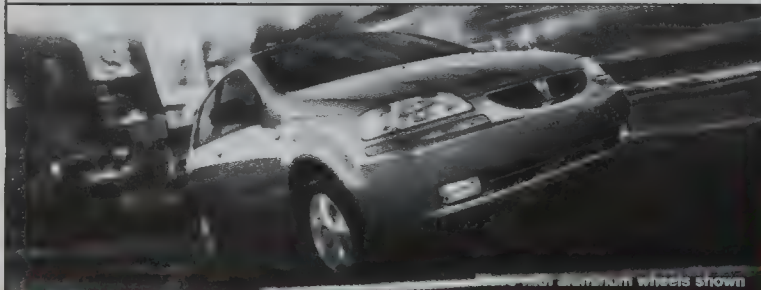
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Bonspiel gets Magic Touch

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to the Echo

A very successful Tournament of Hearts bonspiel took place at the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday, February 12. This was the 11th annual day of fun and laughter, looked forward to by all the women curlers. Sixteen teams curled two games each in two separate draws. The much-appreciated sponsor is Magic Touch Salon of Haliburton. Fraser MacDonald piped all the curlers onto the ice.

The overall winner of the day was a team skipped by Phyllis Woodcock, with vice Chalene Smith, second Ariel Campbell and lead Norah Hill.

First draw winners

1st place: Phyllis Woodcock's team

2nd place: Mary Lou Mizzan, Chris Zahn, Lorraine Virgin, Shirley Milne

3rd place: Sandra Duchemin, Betty Hicks, Yvonne Johnson, Sherry MacKay

Second draw winners

1st place Norma McCoy, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Grace Berardi, Cathy Taylor

2nd place Beryl Rasmus, Marilyn Whittaker, Luba Glachan, Adel Pope

3rd place Ann McNaull, Glenda Wakely, Ruth Kelly, Wendy

Loney

The fun curlers for the day was a team skipped by Jerry Palmer, Elda Sedore, Marilyn Wagg, and Nancy Cook.

The entertainment for the day was a fashion show with casual and eveningwear outfits provided by Just My Size, Minden and Country Pickin's in Haliburton. The commentator was Suzanne Sovereign and our own distinguished models were Sharon Murison, Chalene Smith, Irene Houtby, Chris Zahn, Audrey Hewitt, Shirley Howse, and Pat Norman. With a special model Joe (you know who you are) also on the runway. The staff from Magic Touch Salon did the make-up for all the models.

Thanks to Karen Snow from Caleb's Meadow Catering for the excellent lunch. Haliburton's IGA contributed coffee and cakes for the morning. The servers in their red and white bow ties and arm-bands were Bill McCoy, Jack Virgin, Bill Vermeersch, Art Cook, and Dick Duchemin. Great job guys! Thanks to the bartenders Bruce Martin and Chester Howse and icemaker John Watson. Excellent draw prizes from the local businesses were well received by the winners. Special thanks to Bev Martin and Shirley Howse for an excellent bonspiel. We all had an enjoyable day and look forward to next year's event.

CURLING RESULTS:

A women's team skipped by Jan Cox, vice Doreen De Grave, second Hilda Attridge, and lead Bridget Bassie won second place at the 4-town ladies bonspiel in Fenelon Falls on Friday February 11. Another Haliburton team skipped by Sandra Duchemin also competed in the bonspiel.

JACK BASSETT MIXED:

On Wednesday, February 16 the 13th annual Jack Bassett Bonspiel was held. The Haliburton Legion sponsors this bonspiel and funds raised for the Cancer Society are matched by the Legion. This year \$750 was raised by the curlers thus making the donation \$1,450.00.

The winners of the first draw were John Smillie, Willie Cox, Lorraine Virgin and Pat Mitchell. The second-place team was skipped by Jack Cox and the third-place team by Vic Ibbotson.

The winners of draw two were Lou Sedore's team with Peter Byers, Irene Houtby and Jim Hunt. The second-place team was Ray Hutcheson's team and third place was won by Bill Hare's team. Overall the winning team was Lou Sedore's.

The convenor for this event is Ed Pickard and he reports that over the 13 years more than \$20,000.00 have been raised for the Cancer Society. Well done, curlers.

Good Curling.



The overall winners in the Haliburton Ladies Tournament of Hearts also won first place and 1st draw: Phyllis Woodcock skip; Trophy presenter Shirley Howse; Chalene Smith vice; Ariel Campbell second; and Norah Hill lead.



1st place and 2nd draw winners: Norma McCoy skip; Mary Ellen Sheridan vice; Grace Berardi second; and Cathy Taylor lead.

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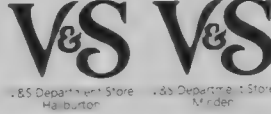
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Skiing for cause Carson Curr from Little Britain skies at Ski for Dimes (a March of Dimes fundraiser) held at the Sir Sam's ski area on Saturday, Feb. 12. The resort donated \$4 from every lift pass. \$1,560 was raised. Susan Rivett added to the total with a personal pledge of \$400 for a one day total of \$1,960. This contributes to the organization's conductive education program. Carson, who is challenged with muscular dystrophy is in his first year of track skiing. More than \$6,000 has been raised through four of the eight event series of fundraisers.

Updated Highland Storm playoff results

Novice A Feb 19: Oro 6 Storm 2 The series over; Oro advances	Feb 20: Oro 5 Storm 4 Storm trails series 2-0
Atom AE Feb 19: Wasaga 6 Storm 5 Storm loses series 3-0	Bantam A Feb 18: Storm 4 Huntsville 3 Feb 20: Storm 2 Huntsville 3 (Overtime) Playdown series tied 1-1
Feb 20: Huntsville 1 Storm 0 Muskoka Parry Sound League Playdown Round Robin	Midget AE Feb 19: Storm 12 Almaguin 1 Storm wins series 3-0 Advance to next round against Brighton
Atom A Feb 19: Oro 4 Storm 2	

Haliburton Nordic skiers put best ski forward at Keskinada Ski Loppet

KIT PIZZEY

Special to the Echo

Thirteen skiers from the Haliburton Cross Country Ski Club took part in the long distance events at the Keskinada Ski Loppet on February 19 and 20 in Gatineau.

More than 2,400 Canadian and International skiers took part in the event.

Haliburton's top overall finisher was Blake Paton with a time of 3 hours and 15 minutes in the highly competitive 53 km Classic event on Saturday, giving him a 35th placing of the 380 men taking part. Age class medal winners were Jane Heyes with double gold, Risto Santala with a silver, and Kit Pizzezy with a silver.

Full results for the Haliburton skiers are listed below. Placings are for standing within each skier's age class.

53 km Classic

Blake Paton 3:15, 8th; Risto Santala 3:40, 2nd; Tina Koskelo 3:53, 8th; Bob Heyes 4:06, 12th; Marcel Crete 4:15, 12th; Mike Darlington 4:29.

25 km Classic

Jennifer Paton 2:09, 8th; Jane Heyes 2:19, 1st; Linda Shantz 3:24

52 km. Skate

Bob Heyes 3:33; Marcel Crete 3:35, 7th; Len Pizzezy 3:55; Peter Bowers 3:59.

28 km. Skate

Kelley Voros (Heyes) 2:15, 12th; Jane Heyes 2:18, 1st; Kit Pizzezy 2:19, 2nd.

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Haliburton curlers win fishing trip

The Delta Pinestone sponsored team from the Haliburton Curling Club had a successful weekend in Bancroft on February 11, 12 and 13. The team of Case Bassie (lead), Tom Harkness (vice), Terry Roche (skip) and Larry Holden (second) won the 30th Annual Ontario Provincial Police Curling Bonspiel going undefeated through the event. The team won an all-expenses paid three-day fishing trip to Northern Quebec. Missing from the photo is fifth man, Tom Parish.

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Last-minute goal dashes Peewees' championship rush

RICHARD VAN NOOD

Peewee AE Coach

The Haliburton Subway Peewee AE team travelled down the road to Fenelon Falls on February 19 to take part in an end-of-season tournament.

The first game had the Storm team facing off against Mariposa. These two teams have not faced each other before and both were a little tentative for the first period (or maybe still asleep).

The tempo picked up in the second and Nick Freeman got the Storm on the board at the 6:23 mark with the assists going to Colby Cunningham and Luke Watson. A little over a minute later the Storm struck again when Colby scored his first of two. Assists went to Jordan Roberts and Zane Zondervan.

The score remained 2-0 for the Storm until 6:48 of the third period when Colby fired in his second goal. Zane again got the assist. Strong defensive play from Luke Watson (brought up from the county league to help the team out), Adam

van Nood (sporting a cast on his left arm for a broken wrist), Kelly Outram (just getting over the flu) and Tanner Cowan would make sure the Mariposa team would not get many good scoring chances.

The final score was 3-0 for the Storm with Andrew Elia getting his shutout.

Game two came at noon. This time the Storm would be facing Ops. The team was wide awake for this one and came out flying. At 6:51 of the first period Greg Clements put a long shot over the shoulder of the Ops goalie to make it 1-0. Luke Watson assisted. Nineteen seconds later Jordan Roberts made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal. With the clock running down in the first period and the Storm team on a power play, Luke walked over the Ops blue line and fired in a hard shot to give the Storm a commanding 3-0 lead.

The second period saw the Storm team pop in two more goals: Alex Treharne, assisted by Tanner Cowan and Nick Freeman, and Adam van Nood assisted by Alex Treharne on the final goal of the

game.

Ops did make a valiant attempt in the third period to get onto the score board, by Zach Harrison would stymie them each and every time to earn his shutout. Final score 5-0 Highland Storm.

These two decisive wins put the Storm team in the A final at 7:00 p.m. against a strong team from Bradford. The scouting report was that Bradford was a good team with one very strong centre man, #9. He was responsible for most of Bradford's goals that day. The job fell on the two Storm centres, Alex Treharne and Zane Zondervan, to try to neutralize #9.

This was by far the most impressive game I have watched this team play all season. By the end of the first period Zane Zondervan had the storm up 1-0. Greg Clements, Colby Cunningham, Nick Freeman and Jordan Roberts were relentless in the forecheck, allowing the Storm to spend much of the period in the Bradford end. When Bradford did manage to get on the attack, Adam van Nood, Kelly Outram, Luke Watson and

Tanner Cowan formed an airtight defence.

Period two was a carbon copy of the first. Alex Treharne and Zane Zondervan did a top-notch job covering big #9. By the end of the second period he no longer seemed to be interested in playing the game, deciding to ice the puck on many occasions rather than try to shake his two shadows.

The third period saw the intensity of play pick up. Bodies started flying. With six minutes remaining in the game Bradford managed to tie the game. Shortly afterward they took a 2-1 lead. The Storm goalie was pulled with just over a minute remaining to get the extra attacker. The Storm team did get a couple of good chances but the Bradford goalie would make the saves. Final score 2-1 Bradford.

I would like to congratulate the team for their inspired play. Even though they did not come home with the championship trophy, they certainly put in a championship performance.

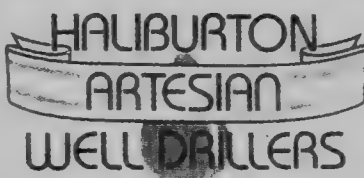
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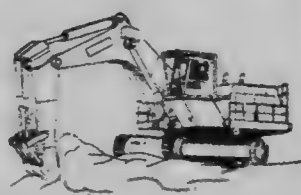
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HALIBURTON LAKE TROUT PROJECT
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Councillors want OPP to reconsider decision

from page 1

I just don't agree with the way you approached it."

Instead of staying with the status quo – keeping the detachment in Minden for old-time political reasons – Fearrey said the process should have been an opportunity to look at other options.

On February 1 the Ontario Realty Corporation issued a request for proposals for a 9,900 square foot building to house the local detachment. The ORC specified the area where the building must be located: on the Highway 35 corridor in Minden, between the County Road 21 junction to the south and County Road 21 toward Haliburton or on County Road 21 within five kilometres of Highway 35.

The discussion at Wednesday's county council meeting began with a debate on whether Walli's presentation should be discussed in a public forum. Walli, who was accompanied by Superintendent Susan Laverty, was initially scheduled for a closed session of council.

Warden Jim McMahon agreed to Fearrey's request to have the discussion in open council. However, McMahon said, "I just hope that local political interference doesn't lead [the province] to say 'We're not going to build a new building.'"

He noted that the new facility is expected to cost \$3-million and there are no private developers investing that much money into the county.

Walli started by outlining the rationale for his decision that the new office should remain in Minden.

The detachment operates with two zones: Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands; Dysart et al and most of Highlands East. (Cardiff and Bicroft fall under the Bancroft OPP's jurisdiction.)

There is almost the same number of households in each: 10,179 in the west and 10,780 in the east.

In a four-year comparison of calls, the numbers are split relatively the same. The biggest disparity was in 2004 when there were 2,096 calls in the west and 1,858 calls in the east. Walli says that the officer closer to the call responds and if another detachment's officers are closer, that detachment will respond first.

"Boundaries are administrative only," Laverty said. "When there's an emergency it's seamless."

These calls don't include the OPP's highway responsibilities. There are 200 calls per year on Hwy 35 and 120 to 135 calls per year on Hwy 118 (before it was extended to include the former Hwy 121 from Haliburton to Hwy 28). Both highways serve the western region.

Another prime consideration was the location of the courts in Minden, Walli said. Criminal court is held one day a week and court for provincial offences is one to two days a month, although Walli would like to see that increase.

"The courts provide significant workload for the detachment," Walli said. On top of attending court dates, officers arrest 300 people a year.

The existing detachment has only one cell, which is not adequate. There is a cell at the courthouse for people who are incarcerated, but it is not adequate. Walli said it was not feasible to bring this cell up to standard. DNA samples cannot be taken at the courthouse so it is

done at the detachment.

Another advantage to staying in Minden is the detachment's "very good" working relationships with other provincial ministries, particularly the Ministry of Natural Resources. "We routinely borrow equipment from Natural Resources and they borrow some of ours."

Walli acknowledges that "there's no doubt that when you look at a map, Minden's not the geographic centre. But when calls for service are as equal and you look at other factors, this is where [the detachment should be.]"

As to the municipalities' contribution to the cost of the detachment, Walli said it's for the officers' time alone (based on how many calls there are in each municipality.) They will not be paying more for the new facility.

Fearrey said one of the reasons he was so upset with the decision was that he found out about it on February 1, the day the new detachment was announced. He also noted that the Community Police Advisory Committee, CPAC, had not met since last May. "It would have been nice to be informed [before the final decision on the location was made.]"

"... When there's a known controversy like this, isn't this an opportunity to review all of the facts? It would have been easier to sell if we had worked together on this."

Tallman said it was three days before he was told about it. "I never did hear from you as warden what was happening," Tallman said to McMahon, who did not respond.

Walli said that he has to follow certain rules of confidentiality and that his own officers did not find out about it until February 1. "When you're talking about millions of dollars there has to be a certain amount of confidentiality to ensure everyone finds out at the same time. I suspect I wouldn't have told CPAC any earlier."

McMahon said that he first heard about the office was on February 1. (He was, however, quoted in the press release that was released by the OPP that day.)

McMahon, who is chairman of CPAC, said meetings are held quarterly. Meetings aren't held in the summer and meetings weren't held when Walli was seconded to other duties. However, in previous meetings CPAC had discussed the state of the present building. McMahon noted that a few years ago officers had to work in trailers while mould was removed from the building.

"The state of the building has been something I routinely address because it's been a hindrance to operations since I've been here," Walli said.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison was disappointed that it's been so long since CPAC's last meeting "because it's the only way we get informed."

After the presentation, *The Echo* asked Walli if the OPP would consider building on land owned by the county on the Allsaw Flats, halfway between Minden and Haliburton. Walli said the decision is being made by the Ontario Realty Corporation.

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Caryl Miller shows off the gorgeous Edwardian dress that will be worn in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *Never Such Innocence Again*.

Return to Haliburton's age of innocence

Costume designer Caryl Miller has had a wonderful time preparing for Highlands Little Theatre's latest production

Story by Sheryl Loucks • Photos by Darren Lum

The dress falls over Caryl Miller's arm and drapes down to the floor as she shows off the confection of art deco lace on the "Edwardian White" dress.

It took four days of soaking to return the old yellowed silk and tulle to its original white state.

Miller chose the dress for Cathy Cox's character, Lila Ross, in the upcoming Highlands Little Theatre production of *Never Such Innocence Again*.

Miller has fallen in love with the script, Michael Fay's first effort as a playwright. She directed a workshop presentation of the play last spring, after which Fay revised the script. She has been working as both the director and costume designer on the revised production ever since.

"I thought the play was great before the revisions and now I think it's wonderful," she says.

Miller is a veteran with the Highlands Little Theatre and has an extensive background in costume design. Since *Never*



Miller has managed to track down many authentic clothing details for *Never Such Innocence Again*, including this emblem from a Haliburton soldier's First World War uniform.

Such Innocence Again is set in Haliburton on August 1, 1914, Miller had the opportunity to sink her teeth into the historical research necessary to ensure that the costumes are historically accurate.

The sensitive yet humorous story is about two families confronted with the prospect of history's bloodiest war. The story unfolds at a Highlands' resort where a new owner arrives. There are two young couples in

the play discovering romance while the young men are also being urged into battle.

Miller's greatest tool in the development of the costumes was not a needle or thread but her computer. She has meticu-

lously researched the costumes on the Internet and tracked down Haliburton badges, First World War uniform buttons, and other insignia on e-Bay.

The Edwardian White is a typical tea dress that young ladies would have worn in 1914. The dress has more than 40 press studs and hooks in it. Miller has found 1912 white kid leather button-over Louis heels or "kitten heel" shoes for Vera.

Miller was thrilled to find a 1911 nurse's apron locally that Lila wears later in the play and a brown suit for Vera that was made by the National Cloak & Suit Co. in 1910.

She put just as much attention to detail in the male characters' costumes. She found authentic WWI puttees to wrap around the calves of the uniform breeches. The Johnny character will wear a copy of the militia uniform with original insignia, buttons and greatcoat.

The Tom character's uniform has the medal ribbons from the 1914-15 star, general service

See **Even overalls** page 22



It's all in the details - and Caryl Miller has them in the costumes for *Never Such Innocence Again*.

Even overalls are authentic in latest stage offering

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medal and victory medal as well as collar insignia of the Third Battalion CEF and four-year service chevrons. Even his overalls are made from an authentic 1912 pattern by local seamstress Karlene Cooney.

Miller says that, to her, authenticity is important because it is a way to honour the men who went from Haliburton and the rest of the country to fight in the world's "most bloody and horrific war." She says the war changed a gen-

eration and had a dramatic impact on our history which she credits Fay with capturing.

Miller says she is thrilled to be working with a stellar cast, production team and stage manager, Heather Smith. Every detail of this production, down to the poster, has been meticulously thought out. Miller says they are grateful to internationally renowned artist Brian Atyeo for designing the artwork of a peaceful summer day overshadowed by poppies, the symbol of war.

So proud in fact, she holds high hopes the play will do well as it competes in the Samuel French Canadian Playwrights Contest for best original unpublished play and the Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival. The March 4 performance will be adjudicated for the festival.

The play will be performed at the Northern Lights Pavilion from March 2 to 5.

Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton village and The Storeroom in Minden.



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County of Haliburton



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVIEW AND POTENTIALLY ADOPT THE 2005 BUDGET INCLUDING ANY CHANGES TO THE FEE BY-LAW #2892

The County of Haliburton intends to Review and Potentially Adopt the 2005 Operating Budget including any changes to the Fee By-law #2892 at the special council meeting on February 28th, 2005 at 9:30am in the Council Chambers.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 2, Concession 3, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., dated -August 10, 2004.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 15th day of February, 2005.

SHARON STOUGHTON-CRAIG
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Illness creates questions about healthcare

Mel Smith struggles through two unexpected operations

As I sat looking out at the dark shadows of the deer feeding in the moonlight I could not help think of Dorothy from the well loved tale, *The Wizard of Oz*, when she said, "Aunt Em, I'm so glad to be home again!"

I know Mel and I both are very happy to be home again together. The last couple of weeks have been as great a "whirlwind" as Dorothy experienced as she navigated her way through in the Land of Oz. Our Land of Oz has been our present-day precarious healthcare system.

On Monday, Feb. 7 Mel was taken to the Haliburton Hospital where he was diagnosed with appendicitis and was given an injection for the pain. Unfortunately there were no ambulances to take him to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre so his friend Orval Donaldson accepted the responsibility and took him in his own vehicle. At this point, Mel was asking, "Why me?" Little did he know his painful ordeal was far from being over.

Because of the risk of rupture, appendicitis is considered a medical emergency; however, in spite of a report being faxed ahead to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre from the Haliburton Hospital, Mel was made to wait in a wheelchair for 17 other patients to be seen ahead of him by the triage nurse. He was diagnosed, once again, with acute appendicitis.

The inflamed appendix was removed laparoscopically that night. He was released from the hospital the following day. By Wednesday morning he was very ill and in a great deal of pain again. Much against his wishes, I took him back into the hospital where a CAT scan revealed there was something very wrong. That night he was back the operating room for a second operation and a part of the bowel was removed. He spent another 10 painful and worrisome nights and days in the hospital.

His Land of Oz was our free cradle-to-grave healthcare system that is obviously suffering a meltdown. Was it due to cost-cutting that there was no ambulance to transport him from Haliburton to Peterborough? Why the breakdown in communication between the two hospitals when he arrived in Peterborough? Why the second operation?

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

We will probably never know the answers to these questions. Nonetheless we do wish to thank all our friends and family who sent best wishes and prayers for Mel's successful and speedy recovery. Through your prayers and best wishes Mel is now

convalescing at home and is glad to be to be here. We also thank Orval Donaldson for all he did and Chester Gadway who came and plowed out our driveway.

I also wish to thank Cindy Baumhour, Jim Lambert, Lynn London, Ross Covert and Doug Knox for taking charge and hosting the Pre Teen Valentine Dance in my absence. There was a good turn out and, from what I have heard, the children had a good time and were well-behaved. Great stuff. Next Pre-Teen Dance will be April 8, the Rock Into Spring Dance.

We are pleased to learn that Nancy Gadway's appendectomy was successful and Nancy is doing well.

The season of cold weather, icy roads and snow days is well upon us. The decision to cancel busing is a decision that is usually controversial and one that rarely pleases everyone.

First and foremost, safety of the children is the overriding factor in any decision whether to cancel buses. Many of our bus routes are on good highways and the majority of students can be transported even though bad weather exists. Since determining "safety" under adverse weather conditions is difficult and sometimes questionable, consultation in the local areas of the Trillium Lakelands

Board is done.

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In the meantime, let us hope for sunny days for the remainder of the following winter months.

As of May 1 the Harcourt Community Centre will become a smoke-free establishment. Please remember the centre is available to rent for weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, etc. For further information, please call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

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Contract drawings and documents will be made available for viewing at the County Roads Department Office in Minden and at the local municipal office in Wilberforce.

Input from residents within the project area and comment from the general public is invited and will be considered in the planning and rehabilitation of this section of county road. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, and the receipt of other necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the aforementioned improvements and be completed by July 29, 2005.

This Notice Issued February 18, 2005

Roy L. Haig, CET
Engineering Services Manager
Corporation of the County of Haliburton

Public Notice

Information Forums to discuss Future Funding of HHWT

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee (HHWT) in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be hosting Public Information Forums on the following dates and locations.

Date	Time	Invitation	Location
Feb. 19, 2005	1pm-3pm	Groups/Youth Camps	Stanhope Community Centre
Mar. 5, 2005	1pm-3pm	Commercial	Club 35, Halls Lake - Hwy 35
Apr. 16, 2005	10am-12pm	General Public	Stanhope Community Centre
May 21, 2005	10am-12pm	Property Owner Assoc.'s	Club 35, Halls Lake - Hwy 35
June 4, 2005	1pm-3pm	General Public	Dorset Recreation Centre

The **Information Forums** will provide information and seek public comment and suggestions on a proposal to develop and implement a user pay/reservation system for recreational users of the HHWT's management area, with the objective of creating a sustainable self-funded system in support of the long term recreational management of the area. Those activities include the maintenance and capital infrastructure of canoe routes, campsites, portages, access points and forest access roads specifically within the 26,985 hectare area historically known as the Frost Centre Area.

The HHWT's initial funding came from Ontario's Living Legacy Program which ended in 2004. As a result, the Township, HHWT Committee and MNR are working together too come up with funding options too be able to continue the HHWT Program too ensure that access to recreational opportunities continues and that the natural beauty and health of the Haliburton Highlands is sustained.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee is made up of various stakeholder groups and individuals, including business and government bodies dedicated to the conservation, preservation and management of Crown and Municipal lands and their associated back-country recreational opportunities within the Haliburton Highlands.

The purpose of the committee is to provide assistance to the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Ministry of Natural Resources in the protection, preservation and management of the area canoe routes, campsites, associated portages and access points.

In 2000, the committee was formed out of concern for the increasing environmental impacts of intensive use of the terrain and waters of local ecosystems.

For more information about these meetings or the HHWT, please contact:

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Haliburton Highlands Water Trails
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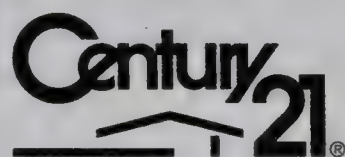
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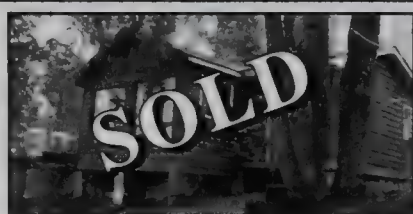
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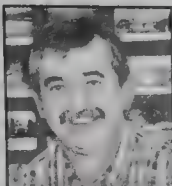
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Our membership chairman, Ray Baker, and his assistant, Lynda Weir, are doing an excellent job for the branch but they could use the cooperation of any member who has not renewed his/her membership. Please do so as soon as possible. If you don't your club room privileges could be in jeopardy.

We appreciate the number of people who have volunteered to assist us with the Legion brunches on Sundays. Many of these people are so dedicated that they reserve these Sundays months in advance so they can help their Legion. Currently we have 75 names on our list of volunteers. It usually requires 20 to 25 people for each of the three groups of willing workers. This leaves us with very few extras should some of our regulars have other commitments. Don't hesitate to offer your time

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to serve once every six weeks. Call the Legion and leave your name and phone number if you want to be included.

Keeping the branch club room open on Sundays was a difficult idea to sell to come previous executives but this has proven to be popular with many people in our community. We encourage anyone to join with us on Sundays. We are open at 12 noon. Sunday, for some people, is the longest and loneliest day of the week. Come. Meet your friends. Drop in for a social time. Play some games. Visit. Get caught up on the local gossip. Don't sit alone and lonely.

Currently your branch is financially operating in the black along with having a substantial amount in the lottery account. No amounts owing have been deferred to a later time where we would have to play "catch up".

Thanks to many local workers our meat draws continue to be very successful and show a nice profit. From November 20 to January 31 we made a clear profit

of \$2,517.42 from meat draws. Because of events such as this we have been able to donate over \$7,500. to various non-profit county organizations. All of this was in just six months.

This coming weekend has two breakfasts planned. Sat., Feb. 26 we will be hosting a pancake and sausages breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. This is in co-operation with the local curling club which is hosting a TimBits Curling Tournament. The cost is only \$4. per breakfast.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: March 14th, 2005

TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

- Applicant: Mason
Location: Blue Hawk Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 22, Concession 1, Township of Dysart.
 - Defined as Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant: Superville
Location: Loon Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 3, Concession 2, Township of Dudley.
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

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from Haliburton County to strengthen representation from Haliburton. She says it is important to have that local representation because they are renovating the YWCA Women's Resource Centre

in Minden and they are hoping to open a new HERS safe space for women this year. She says that previous board experience is an asset. The position requires approximately six

to 10 hours a month. Meetings are held in Peterborough on the third Tuesday of the month from September to June, with one meeting scheduled in Minden. For more information

contact the YWCA at 705 743-3526 or e-mail info@ywcapeterborough.org. The YWCA will send an information package and the deadline to contact the YWCA regarding the position is March 29.



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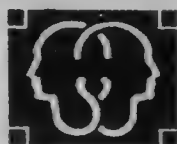
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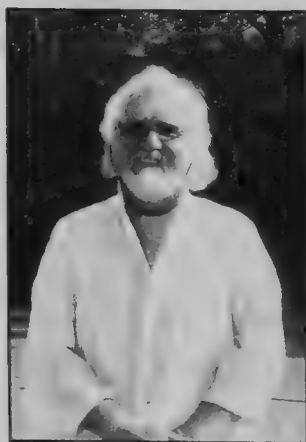
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The fundraiser event on March 4 is shaping up nicely

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with a few songs, some instrumental numbers, and dancing by some of the Heritage ballet

group and some of Brianne Mansfield's Highland dancers. The Haliburton Lions Club will be at the door to receive donations which go to their funds for tsunami relief. Come and enjoy.

If you would care to participate by bringing a few goodies for the social time after the program that would be great.

Best wishes for better health to Bill and Myra Marshall and

to Cliff Davison who have been under the weather lately. (Under is probably better than being out in the weather anyway!)

On the weekend of Feb. 4-6 about 28 young people, some from Bowmanville, 19 from Haliburton, joined their church leaders at the Ontario Camp for the Deaf facility in Parry Sound. Leslie Cox, Sarah Davison,

and Benton Brown with the Claridges were some of the crew who participated in the music, drama and art workshops, sports, Bible Study, games and a talent show.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

DATE: Wednesday, March 9th, 2005
TIME: 11:00 am.
LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-05-002 n̄ Fraunberger
 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize a lot, which has been affected by a possessory title claim.
 - Reduce the required lot area from 0.688 acres to 0.53 acres.
 - Reduce the required lot frontage from 147.7 feet to 100 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 20, Concession 3, Lot 39, Plan 516, Dudley Township, (Miskwabi Lake n̄ Trapper's Trail Road).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: February 22nd, 2005

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP
Secretary n̄ Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



**COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE**

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday March 14th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-120/04 & H-121/04
Applicant: Lawrence HUNT
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 27, Concession 7,
Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: 2 Easements for Right-of-way
2. File No. H-130/04 Revised, H-131/04 Revised, H-132/04 Revised,
H-133/04 Revised
Applicant: Michael ELLEMENT & Alfio TROVATO
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 12 to 14, Concession 3,
Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Nature of the Application: 4 New Lots
3. File No. H-158/04
Applicant: Holly HARRIS
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession 3,
Geographic Township of Livingstone
Nature of the Application: Technical Severance
4. File No. H-167/04
Applicant: Marlene PINEAU
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 14, Concession A,
Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Technical Severance

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of February, 2005.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Development Services Coordinator/Planner
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- **Feb. 23:** Sad No more – Seasonal affective disorder knocks many of us down for the winter count. Come and explore ways to deal with the winter blahs with naturopath Gord Smith on Wed. Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., Lounge Café, Carnarvon.
- **Feb. 23:** St. Paul's Minden – Lenten Service and Toonie Lunch in aid of Minden Food Bank at 12 p.m. Different speaker at each service.
- **Feb. 24:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Thursday, February 24, 10 a.m. - Noon, Caring With Confidence being held at Haliburton Home Support office. Please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Society Office 4572941 to register. Refreshments served.
- **Feb. 26:** Snowshoeing at YMCA Camp Wanakita – The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance, 4894049.
- **Feb. 26:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists – Join us for a snowshoe and animals tracking hike, Saturday, Feb. 26. Meet at Sheila's at 10:00 a.m. Call 7542532 for directions and info.
- **Feb. 27:** YMCA Wanakita Fun Day – Come and enjoy a winter day of fun from 12 noon - 6 p.m. Enjoyment for all ages. Activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, broomball, skating, aerial ropes course, tobogganing, or sledding on Cardiac Hill. Equipment and instruction provided, but bring your own skates. For more info. call 4572132.
- **Mar. 2:** Beginner Taoist Tai Chi starts Wed., Mar. 2, 11:45 - 1:15 p.m. Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden. First class is free! Call Ginny at 4892996 to register.
- **Mar. 2, 9, 16:** St. Paul's Minden – Lenten Service and Toonie Lunch in aid of Minden Food Bank is at 12 p.m. Different speaker at each service.
- **Mar. 4:** Award winning Canadian Artist Otto Don Rogers, member of the Royal Academy of Arts, will be presenting a slide show and giving a talk on: "Art: An Expression of the Human Spirit" Friday, March 4th, 8 p.m. at the new Sir Sandford Fleming Campus in Haliburton. This free event is sponsored by the Baha'is of Haliburton.
- **Mar. 5:** 4th Annual Irondale Ice Fishing Derby, Saturday, March 5. Registration– Irondale Community Centre. Entry fee. Largest walleye wins. Lots of other prizes. More info., call Theresia or Russ at 4473103.
- **Mar. 8:** The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the Month. (Tues., Mar. 8th) at Pritchard House, 9 a.m. Watercolour Monoprinting, Wendy Wood (paint on plexiglass, put paper over and lift image) materials will be available, limit of 15 participants. 1:30 p.m. General meeting.
- **Mar. 16:** Big Buck Bid Euchre – Come join us for some fun at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount, Ontario. Held the third Wednesday of the Month. Hope to see you soon. For info. call Alice 4883271.
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ON GOING EVENTS

- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 7543699.
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- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 3286175.
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- **For women experiencing any type of abuse,** call the YWCA Crisis Line at 2866442 or (800) 4617656.
- **Haliburton Seniors Club meet every Thursday** at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



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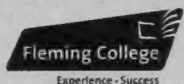
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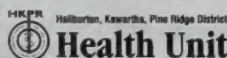
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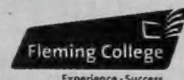
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Lots of other prizes.
More info, call Theresa or Russ at 447-3103. CA

290 COMING EVENTS

Haliburton Legion Br. 129
SUNDAY BRUNCH
February 27 from
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Upstairs in our Smoke Free Auditorium
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Pancakes or eggs with bacon or sausages and home fries, toast, juice, coffee or tea.
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JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER!
Chocolate Making Workshop with Olivia's Chocolate, Louise Joiner, at
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Tuesday, March 8th, from 6:30 - 9:30
Cost is \$45., payable with registration.
Stop into Harvest to register. (Max. 12 participants) CA

SONGS & DANCING at the West Guilford Centre
Friday, March 4, 2005, 8:00 p.m.
To raise further funds for Tsunami Relief
Sponsored by Lions Club.
Help with refreshments would be helpful.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held
Friday, March 4, 2005 at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
This year this ecumenical celebration highlights the women of Poland.
For further information contact Mary Pearsell at 457-2907 or June White at 457-3543. CA

"ART - AN EXPRESSION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT"
A slide presentation by award winning Canadian Artist
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Friday, March 4th, 8:00 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming College (new campus in Haliburton)
Free admission.
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Tues. March 15, 2005
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440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU - To the OPP, Fire Dept. and Ambulance Service for the care they gave myself and granddaughters at the accident Feb. 11/05 on main street Haliburton. Special thank you to all the people who offered their help, and special thanks to the Detective who drove us home. **Betty Berry.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FAMILIES - Dan Gainforth who passed away Sept. 1970, Lyle Coumbs Nov. 1974, Christie Coumbs Feb. 1989, Florence Coumbs March 1993 and Ethel Gainforth June 1994. Somewhere beyond the sunset, where happiness never dies. They dwell in God's beautiful garden, amidst the blue of the skies. They were so very special, always thoughtful and kind. What beautiful memories they left behind. We always cherish the good times we had together. We feel your gentle presence, in the hush of every dawn. We see you in the sunlight that makes the day so bright. We did not lose the ones we love, for you always stay deep in our hearts forever around us every day. Greatly loved and missed by **Ken, Doreen and family.**

HUNTER, DENNIS - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away February 21, 2002. You still live in the hearts and minds of your loving family you left behind. Forever remembered and deeply missed by **Steven, Michelle, Matthew, and Lucas, Gregg and Rebecca.**

HUNTER, S. DENNIS - In loving memory of a dear son, brother and uncle who passed away Feb. 21, 2002.
Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name
We miss your kind and helpful way
Your teasing and your smile
What we would give to hold your hand
And walk with you a while.
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.
The special years will not return
When we were all together
But with the LOVE within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.
You are so wonderful to remember
Yet so hard to live without.
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450 IN MEMORIAM

MACKIE, STEVE - February 22, 2004.
A year has passed since you left here
An emptiness is felt
You could not face or persevere
The hand that you were dealt
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Without your presence here.
But as we do, not a day goes by
That we don't feel you near.
Your friends and fellow employees at **Kernohan Service Centre.**

McKAY - In memory of my beloved sons: Ken who joined his father Feb. 3, 2001 and Ray who followed Feb. 20, 2001.
Together in death. As in Life
Gone are the days we used to share
Yet in my heart you are always there.
The gates of memory never close.
I miss you more than anyone knows.
Anne and Laurie.

STEVE
Seems like yesterday we were laughing and joking around
And having the time of our lives
And just like that I'm looking for answers
That I just know can't be found.
I have pics of you everywhere
And I like to see them every day
Somehow by looking at them
It somehow takes the pain away.
The music you played was what made you and others smile
You just don't know how much we all
Would love to see you play again
Even if it was for just a little while.
I hope that you knew what you meant to me
For I looked forward to those
Thursdays more than you'll ever know.
Life just didn't put enough time in our days
And then you and the music we loved had to go.
You made me laugh so hard sometimes
That I thought I would come apart
You left me with the best of memories
That will remain embedded in my heart.
Tears catch me off guard from time to time
As I'm driving down the road.
So I'll throw on one of the songs that remind me of you
And all things seem to come around and work out fine.
My friend you were, you are and you will always be
And I know you knew this all along
You'll always be a part of my life
You, the red guitar and all our favourite songs.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
RUTH ALMEDA AUSTEN
Passed away peacefully
at Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton on
Saturday, February 19, 2005.
At the age of 89.

Beloved wife of the late James A. Austen, dear mother of James F. Austen of Edmonton, Gordon R. Austen and his wife Sharon Illinois. Mother-in-law of Lois of Burlington. Loving grandmother of Esther and David, Heather and Debi, great grandmother of Kalee Turner, Mycah Turner, Austen Smart, Ashlyn Hale, Richard Hale Jr., Jesse Hale, Benjamin Hale. Dear sister of Carol Trumbull and Lloyd Norton. Fondly remembered by the Austen family. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment at Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family. CA

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460 OBITUARIES

BARNETT, BLANCHE MARY (nee Dean) - Peacefully on Sunday, February 6, 2005 in her 83rd year. Blanche, loving wife of the late William Barnett. Dear mother of June. Predeceased by her parents Fred Dean Sr. and Hilda Jane "Jenny" Wheeler and by her brothers Fred and Harold and her sisters Gladys, Florence, Pauline and Dorothy. A private family cremation service has taken place. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Jerrett Funeral Home, Scarborough Chapel. (416) 266-4404.

BEAUDRIE, COLLEEN KAY (nee Barry) - Passed away peacefully at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 19th, 2005 in her 73rd year. Colleen Beaudrie of Killworthy, beloved wife of Lovem Beaudrie. Loving mother of Tracy Morrison of Orillia, Mark Morrison and wife Susan of Washago, and Krissan Guest of Orangeville. Also loved by her step-children Bonnie McLean and husband Reuben of Trenton, Sheree Johnston and husband Gary of Cambridge, Laurie Harvey and husband Ted of Georgetown, Marie Beauchemin and Lucien of Calgary, and Brenda Beaudrie of Thunder Bay. Devoted grandmother of Amanda, Jordan, Amy, Kirstin, Ryan, Eric and step-grandmother of Rhonda, Melissa, Laura, Ricky, Marc, Lisa, John, Sandra, Ken and step-great-grandmother of Liam and Riley, Sara and Quinn. Dear sister of Phyllis Discepolo and husband Ed of California, Glenda Barrett and husband Al of Aurora, Jeff Barry and wife Pat of Haliburton, Linda Dicky and husband Chester of Guelph and the late Sandra, Dennis and Wanda. Following cremation, friends and relatives will be received at the Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West St. N., Orillia, on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of Memorial Service in the chapel at 1 p.m. Interment Maple Lake Cemetery, Stanhope Twp. If desired, Memorial donations to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Oncology Dept. or the Gideon Memorial Bible Plan would be gratefully appreciated. Messages of condolence are welcomed at www.mundellfuneralhome.com. CA



WALTER LOCKHART MORRISON
"LOCKIE MORRISON"

Walter Lockhart Morrison "Lockie", of Walkerton (West Guilford), passed away at Hanover Care Center, Hanover, on Friday February 11, 2005 in his 67th year. Born May 16, 1938. Predeceased by his first wife Linda (Simms). Survived by children Brenda & Dave Wood of Ajax, Brian Morrison & Tammy Barry of West Guilford, Lyndel & Dave Schell of Novar, grandchildren Samantha, Cassandra, Taylor, Brody, Alexandra & Jamie. Survived by his father Walter Morrison of Haliburton. Brothers Pat, Jack & Doug, sisters Fay, Joan Shirely & Rosalene. Predeceased by mother Emma (Madill); sister Joyce and brother Russell.

Survived by his wife Sheila (Sawyer) of Walkerton. Stepchildren, Paul Sawyer & fiancée Lynette Griggs of Cambridge, Tammy & Darren Berger of Owen Sound, Shayne & Ashley Sawyer of London. Step grandchildren Trinity, Chelsea, Skylar, Amanda, Aron, Brandon & Abby. Also fondly remembered by Tracey Morrison of Kennis Lake. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society - Brain Tumor Research would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

I would like to thank the people who were able to attend as the severe road conditions made it almost impossible to attend his funeral.
Brian Morrison

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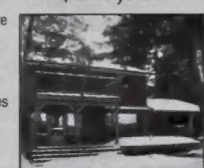
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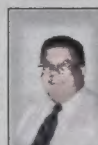
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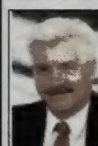


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Miles of boating on Redstone Lake. Spotless custom-built cedar home/cottage, open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm w/cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

\$329,000

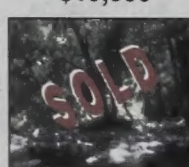


Lenor Fulton
286-2911

RIVERSIDE LOT

Are you looking to build? Here is the perfect opportunity to own your own beautiful waterfront lot. Listen to the water rushing by. For further information call Lenor or Tracy.

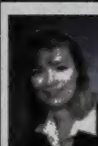
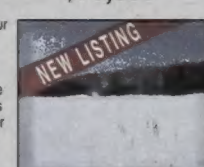
\$19,900



WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Enjoy the sunsets over your own lake. This property features approx. 1500' of shoreline & the land is lightly treed. Situated close to the Town of Minden, this spot is the perfect place for your private retreat. Call Tracy Ackertblade or Lenor Fulton.

\$79,000



Melanie Vigrass
286-2911

DO YOU WANT YOUR PROPERTY FEATURED AT THE COTTAGE SHOWS?

Call Melanie now to list for Cottagefest
March 4th - 6th
& the Cottage Life Show
April 1st - 3rd

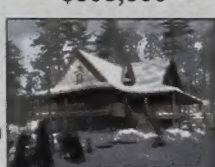


Julie Gray

REDSTONE LAKE

This unique property set back on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres with 200 frontage on the lake & approx. 800' on the river, year round 24/7 sounds of waterfall! This architecturally designed home has nearly 4000 sq. feet of living space, incl. an amazing kitchen, 3 full baths, 3 BR, 360 degrees wrap around covered deck +++many extras.

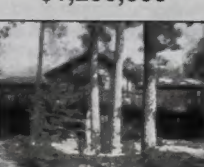
\$895,000



REDSTONE LAKE

250' of sand beach, LR w/20' ceiling, redwood beams, red granite FP on both levels, Oak Jenn Air kitch, Mstr BR w/ensuite & dble. size spa. W/o to 90' cedar deck w/southern view, 6 BR, 2-4pc & 2-3pc baths, 42'x25' FR w/walkout to beach, 400 amp serv & geothermal heat, attach dble garage, boat launch & lge cedar dock.

\$1,250,000



Bill Kulas
457-1011

GLENGARRIAN RESORT

Situated on pristine, crystal clear halls lake! Looking for that perfect lifestyle change? Then this may be your dream come true! Over 430 feet of fantastic waterfront with an unbelievable view. Charming main lodge with four self-catering cottages. Turn key condition & all fully equipped. Call Bill Kulas today for your personal inspection at 705-286-2911 ext. 44. Asking 499,000. Check out our virtual tour @ www.billkulas.com



Linda Beachli
457-1011

PINE STREET

2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.

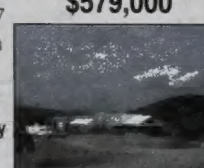
\$469,000



HWY #118

This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.

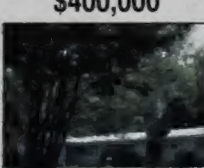
\$579,000



COUNTY ROAD 1

High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.

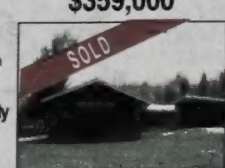
\$400,000



COMMERCIAL

Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 26'x40' garage. Zoned CH.

\$359,000



Peter Brady
457-1011